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## MONTANA DEMOCRATIC.

New York Star: There should be "no reason for nervousness about Montana. Montana is democratic and must remain so. Apprehensions about the speedy presentation of republican certificates of senatorial election involve reliance on the fallacy called "begging the question." It is for Democratic Governor Toole to convene the state legislature and to certify the conclusions it will legitimately reach. He will neither recognize a rump legislature nor send to Washington a certification based on fraud.

If the robbers should succeed in their scheme, it would be necessary to compel them to make restitution and suffer punishment. But at present it is our business to prevent the larceny of a state, not to avenge it. Montana is democratic. It must be held so. It is time for the ringing campaign cry of 1884, "No, no, no, no '76!"

It appears that in this matter the president has substituted that new and powerful official, the heir apparent, for the constitutional advisers provided for him under our republican system of government. Prince Russell, it seems, wants a United States senatorship from Montana for himself or one of his chums, and he is quite ready to incite the chief magistrate to any act calculated to promote his absurd ambition.

If it be true that, as pointed out by the secretary of the interior and the attorney-general, the territory had not fully complied with the provisions of the enabling act before the appearance of the proclamation of admission, the issuing of that document is a gigantic crime against the other states and the people of the United States.

If the president, has been guilty of such complicity in his son's conspiracy, his impeachment and removal from office should follow as a matter of course. The precedents for Montana were too recent to leave the slightest excuse for their being overlooked. Proclamations just issued in the cases of North and South Dakota provided complete forms for the requisition, recitals and declaration. But comparison of the presidential papers in the case of Montana with those issued for North and South Dakota shows elaboration in one case, and hasty slurring in the other.

Whatever the motives of the president, his methods of dealing with a very solemn duty were wonderfully changed during the week that intervened between the announcement of the statehood of the Dakotas and like proclamation respecting Montana.

## IOWA'S EMANCIPATION.

The republican party, which for five years has held sway in Iowa in spite of its being committed to the principle and enforcement of prohibition, is preparing to "flap" on the subject of sumptuary laws. The initiative has been taken by the Des Moines State Register, of which First Assistant Postmaster General Clarkson is the controlling spirit, and which in its issue of the 16th inst. advised the substitution of local option for prohibition. The Register has tardily been forced to admit that the one effect of the prohibition statute has been to bring the law into contempt. It acknowledges there are portions of the state—and those the most populous—where "a large majority of the people do not believe in prohibition and will not have it," and where the law has been entirely ignored. The Register does not allege that in these localities the people are otherwise disposed to lawlessness; it is simply, in its present aspect, a revolt against legislation that seeks to interfere with legitimate liberty of the individual, legislation that is in violation of that tenet of democratic faith which declares in favor of the largest liberty of the individual consistent with the general good. The only means by which the law can be enforced in these sections, the Register admits, is force, which is "un-American, unwelcome and repugnant." After years of advocacy of prohibition, both before and since its enactment in Iowa, the Register is willing to admit that "men may differ, and yet be good men and good citizens," an admission that must have wrung the soul

of the editor who has, until defeat has opened his eyes, been unable to see aught but a traitor in a political opponent or a heretic, worthy of the stake or the rack, in one who differs with him upon questions of religious belief.

Until within a comparatively brief time the Des Moines Register, the chief organ in Iowa of the republican party, has commended a system of espionage upon the people of the state capital in their domestic lives, such as seldom disgraced an American commonwealth. Homes were invaded by creatures armed with the authority of law, who did not hesitate to enter the sick chamber of the poor or to break open the sideboard of the rich in search of beer or liquor which necessity had prescribed in the one case or legitimate desire called for in the other. Until the election had shown a revolt against these infringements of the liberty of the subject the Register made no protest and raised no question of right. It is only when adherence to a mistaken principle is seen to mean the loss of party domination that this great moral engine, the mouthpiece in Iowa of the national administration, is constrained to acknowledge that "men may honestly differ and yet be good men and good citizens."

One lesson of the election in Iowa is that government should not interfere with the liberties of the subject to the extent of prescribing what he shall eat, what he shall drink, or wherewithal he shall be clothed, so long as in choosing for himself in these matters he infringes no right of his neighbor. To a people who, like the Iowans, have been wedded to the idea that all of virtue, of patriotism, of intelligence that is extant is embodied in the republican party, the awakening shown in the election of November 4 was a complete one. It means emancipation from political and intellectual bondage.

## FIRM FOR THE RIGHT.

Against fraud;  
 Against false counting;  
 Against canvassing boards usurping the powers of the courts;  
 Against fraudulent certificates of election;

Against Louisiana methods in our politics in every shape and form—the honest citizens of Montana, and of the country at large, expect the democratic members of the legislature to stand like a stone wall. The people expect that every democrat having a certificate of election to the legislature from the clerk of his county will be in Helena on Saturday prepared to demand his seat and ready to take the oath of office and enter upon the discharge of his duties at any hazard. They will excuse no man who halts or hesitates, who fails to undertake the duties they have laid upon him.

It is a time for cool heads, stout hearts and the spirit of Andrew Jackson. And the democrats of Montana will show to the world that they have all three.

## AN HONEST REPUBLICAN.

That sterling old republican journal, the Philadelphia North American, thus warns its party friends in this state: "It is better that the republicans of Montana and their judiciary should set the example of obedience to the laws than that the republican majority in the United States senate should be immediately increased by two votes from Montana."

Will this warning be wasted?

MR. LEE MANTLE'S Inter-Mountain is for Sanders, Eaton, Power, Hershfield or Carpenter for the republican rump senator from the east side—that is for whichever one will make the quickest, surest and most promising combine on Lee Mantle for the western rump.

ECHOES from the back-room caucus of the republican conspirators yesterday conveyed the impression that the state stealers fear that some of the republican members of the legislature believe in honest politics.

THE conspirators will lose the fight. Their president admitted Montana on Friday and Sanders, the hoodoo, is engineering the steal.

LEE MANTLE is a dead cock in the senatorial pit. He won't even be a rump.

HERSHFIELD has slipped up in his still-hunt. He won't get six votes.

We think Power has knocked Sanders cold.

## No Backing Down.

Benton River Press: The legislature will meet next Saturday. The senate is a tie and the house stands twenty-nine democrats to twenty-five republicans, there being no joint representative from Deer Lodge and Beaverhead counties. Any body of men claiming to be the legislative assembly of Montana not organized according to the above figures is a fraud and should not be recognized by Gov. Toole. There is no need of further argument to prove this. The hour for argument has passed. It is time to act. Democrats must assert their rights. To yield now would be an admission they were wrong at the start and are wrong now. To yield now would be suicidal. It would take the life out of every

democrat in the state and destroy the democratic party of Montana. This matter has been carried too far for democrats to back down. They must stand firm. They know their rights and must maintain them at all hazards. Unless they are cowards and spiritless as slaves, they will maintain them cost what it will.

Democrats want no compromises; they want no 8 to 7 commissions. They have played the chivalry act long enough. Their case has been submitted to an impartial court and decided in their favor. That should satisfy every right thinking man. But the state stealers propose to ignore the courts and take by might what the right denies them. They must be met with their own weapons. There is no other alternative save in dishonor, and that will be found when democrats back down from the ground they have won and yield the fight. Will they back down Saturday? Not if they possess the spirit of the fathers of the party.

## HEARD AT THE HOTELS.

The near approach of the meeting of the legislature is bringing politicians, both big and little, from all parts of the state to the capital. Many opinions are current as to the outcome, and in the discussions as to the merits of the two sets of members from Silver Bow the parts which different men have taken in the proceedings come in for a share of attention. Hiram Knowles pulling out of the race for the empty honor of a nomination by the republican caucus and getting to the front in the strife for the federal judgeship, has created much surprise among the politicians who thought they knew all about it, and has caused the other would-be republican senators no end of worry. Knowles refused every overture looking to a nomination at the republican state convention, and showed his disinterestedness in the entire proceedings by promptly seconding every name brought before the convention. It was thoroughly understood during the campaign that Knowles was to be the nominee of his party for the West Side senatorship, and Lee Mantle's lack of interest in the fight and total failure to do anything to help the party during the campaign forever ruined whatever chances he may have had, and made Knowles almost invincible. Referring to Knowles' sudden change, a well informed Butte politician, in conversation with a Northern Montana friend at the Cosmopolitan yesterday, gave the following solution.

"You see," remarked the Butte man, "Knowles was in the beginning opposed to the action of the Silver Bow canvassing board in throwing out tunnel precinct, but as Sanders, who was credited with being the east side beneficiary in case the scheme succeeded, was the originator, it was shown to the probable West Side choice that he could do no less than appear as an attorney in the case. Knowles finally yielded to the pressure and after he got started was as heartily in accord with the scheme as any one. It was all right until DeWolfe quoted Knowles' own decision when judge, against him, and then the old gentleman realized that the high moral attitude he had always assumed in the party had received a blow which would cause him to take rank with the common, and from the judge's stand, the respectable element lead by Mantle. This feeling was confirmed by the expressions of surprise by personal friends at the judge's course, so the old gentleman began to look around for a chance to get on his stilts again.

"Russell Harrison is not such a fool as most people think," continued the gentleman, "or else Col. McCutcheon is worth more to him as an adviser than he is believed to pay him. Harrison, you will remember, kept out of Montana during the campaign, but just as soon as the votes were in the box he popped up to claim his share of the praise in case of victory. About the time Knowles was quietly circulating among his friends, telling them he had acted in the contest case from a high sense of duty and not from any hope of personal gain, Russell's ambassador appeared on the scene, and suggested that a federal judgeship was a very desirable position, a life berth, with good salary and not much work. It was also hinted that it would afford the judge an excellent opportunity to place himself right with his friends, as he could renounce his candidacy for the senatorship, which would probably amount to nothing anyway, and then people would say he appeared as attorney for the board just as any other lawyer would.

"Knowles, without betraying too much eagerness, wanted to know what assurance he would have that the judgeship would fall in his lap if he dropped out of the senatorial race, and here," continued the Butte man, "is where the shrewdness of Russell's managers showed itself. Knowles was asked how many votes he could deliver and was given ample time to reply. While the judge was thinking the matter over it came to his ears, 'accidentally' of course, that L. D. McCutcheon wanted the position of federal judge, but that Russell Harrison had promised it to some one else. Knowles then concluded that Harrison meant business, sent him word that he would like a life position on the bench and could guarantee him one-half his own strength. Russell Harrison hurried off to Washington and he had scarcely arrived there before his paper published a Washington despatch announcing the likelihood of Knowles being appointed federal judge for Montana. Knowles has entered into the scheme to aid Harrison the more heartily, as he has no use for Hershfield, Sanders or Power, to whom he attributes his defeat for congress in 1884."

"Well," said the Northern Montana man, when his friend had concluded, "this accounts for a good many things I could not understand. Offices in Montana are still filled by democrats, and now they will be used to aid young Harrison's senatorial boom. Jim Hathaway, I understand, is to have the Helena postoffice, so he thinks, but R. H. Howey can have it if he will desert the Sanders standard and join the Harrison forces. It is a sore temptation to the man who is not happy unless he is feeding out of the public crib, and I look for

the first break to Russell from that quarter. Gov. White is working with Harrison, and the caucus nominees will probably be Russell B. Harrison and B. F. White. The land offices will be peddled out as will best serve the interests of the president's son, and Geo. Irvin, United States marshal, will lose his official head if he runs counter to the white house state. But say, how will the elder Harrison feel when two democrats go as the first senators from Montana, and he finds out neither his son or any other republican ever had a ghost of a show of going to the senate this year?"

## AT THE COURT HOUSE.

Assessor Walker has moved his office into the old Probate Court room. He will soon begin draughting a large map of Lewis and Clarke county, none having been made since the county was divided.

The new state officers have dropped into the routine of their duties and everything is running smoothly. Major Kenney, who succeeded Ex-Assessor Sullivan, found the accounts in admirable shape, both as to correctness and general arrangement. The same may be said of the treasurer's office. Ex-Treasurer Prentiss is to be congratulated on the successful administration of his office. Messrs. Curtin, Crouse and Beach left everything in good shape for the new county commissioners, Messrs. Knight, Edgerton and Burns. J. S. Tooker and Deputy Wheaton will continue the careful and courteous management of the clerk and recorder's office.

## Texas Has Jurisdiction.

TOPEKA, KAN., Nov. 20.—Judge Foster, in the case of the Stevens county murderers, decided that the district court for the eastern district of Texas has jurisdiction over No Man's Land, where the crimes for which they were indicted recently by the grand jury at Paris, Texas, were committed.

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